

Tattersall's NEWS



JUNE, 1989

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO A.G.M.

Our Club will retain its great traditions

Tattersall's Chairman David Dransfield presented to members at the annual general meeting a comprehensive outline of present and projected future progress in our Club's redevelopment.

In his address to members he said:

"The past year has been a momentous one in the history of Tattersall's Club. With the closure of the existing Club House on 30th December, 1988, an era came to an end.

"However, this is not to say that the traditions of the Club will not continue.

"Indeed, your committee has continued to be motivated by the desire to preserve all those characteristics which have made the Club such a wonderful institution since its inception over a hundred years ago.

"As mentioned in the recent Newsletter many of the Club's valuable fixtures and fittings have been placed in properly secured storage facilities so that deterioration will not occur during the rebuilding period.

"There remains to be removed certain large items such as the large windows and fireplaces on the first floor.

"These can only be removed economically as the demolition proceeds and we are working in co-operation with the developer in this regard.

"As previously advised, the Committee has retained Brownell Overend to supervise the internal design and fitout of the New Club House.

"Already, a consider-

able amount of time and effort has been expended by your Committee in developing the concepts of the new Club and you may confidently anticipate that the new premises will be superior to anything now available in Sydney.

"Indicative plans are on display at the meeting today.

"Darren Overend is in attendance and will address you later in the meeting.

"The developer of the overall project, Mr Andrew Richardson of Richardson Property Group, who is a member of the Club, was to be present but unfortunately could not make it.

"We look forward to a harmonious association resulting in the satisfactory completion of this exciting project.

"Development approval has been granted for the overall site and Stratum approval is expected momentarily.

"Gentlemen, I do not propose to deal in detail with the financial results for the year, as the Treasurer will address these matters.

"However, I must comment that they reflect a marked improvement over the preceding year and highlight the degree of managerial expertise exerted by the Secretary, Mr Norman Smith."

Mr Darren Overend, a principal of the interior architectural design firm our Club has retained, took members at the annual general meeting on a verbal "conducted tour" of our planned new premises. With the aid of architectural drawings and help from his partner Andrew Brownell he presented an exciting glimpse of what is to come.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB ...1991 AND BEYOND

This is what Mr Overend had to say: "Brownell Overend Partnership is a multi-disciplinary interior architecture practice established to service the needs of the hotel and club industry throughout Australia.

"The partnership has had extensive experience in clubs in most states of Australia and first-hand knowledge of many major clubs throughout the world. It has also been involved in many historic buildings in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

"With this background, the practice is well placed to design and oversee the creation of new premises for your famous Club, now preparing for its fourth new home in its 130-plus years of existence.

"As you are all aware, the Club will occupy a specially designed part of a major re-development in Elizabeth Street, all around and including your old Club building.

"The structure is being purposely designed to incorporate all the significant facilities the Club has enjoyed since 1927.

"The concept of incorporating this Club into an office building is similar to the highly successful re-housing of the Australian Club in Macquarie Street, after its amalgamation with the New South Wales Club some 20 or more years ago.

"Special floor-to-floor heights of six metres will allow the Club to occupy the second and third floors with the sort of spatial volumes and heights it has enjoyed in the past. These floors will be accessed by the Club's own lifts, comprising two passenger and one goods lift.

"The Club will have its own entrance from Elizabeth Street, set back from the pavement under the colonnade extending across the whole development, including the hotel.

"The facilities of the new Club will comprise:

"A lift lobby, waiting area, porter's desk, cloak room and small toilet on the ground floor; two basements thereunder, one for Club service access and storage, and the other for limited car parking; thence, above to the Club's two principal floors - the second and third floors - stretching from Elizabeth Street through to Castlereagh Street.

"It is worth noting here, too, that the Club's new frontage along Elizabeth Street is more than double that of the old building, thus taking full advantage of the views over Hyde Park.

"The Club's facilities for mixed company will be located together on the third floor, across the full width of the Elizabeth Street frontage.

These facilities will comprise the Club's main Function Room, to seat up to 350 people on the northern side, a separate silver service Dining Room for up to 100 people on the southern side, and in between both, a Cocktail Lounge for separate use, or use as an adjunct to either the Dining Room or the Function Room.

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No pool...no problem

If you had thought that the loss of their beloved third floor swimming pool might have dampened the enthusiasm of Tattersall's Club Swimming Club, then a visit to the State Bank Gymnasium any Tuesday or Thursday will soon set you right.

TWO-TATTS RELAY TRIUMPH

May 3 and the now famous Tatt's versus City Tatt's-Relay was on again.

The venue was the State Sports Ground Complex as we were the host and currently have no home.

The race was very competitive and we were losing until the twelfth swimmer - Michael Gillis - absolutely demolished the competition by catching up three quarters of a lap!

From this point on we never looked back and had a convincing win.

The average time per man was 26.9 seconds over 50 metres. This is not a bad time when you consider it probably would have earned second place in the NSW Swimming Championship in December 1988.

The team was up in the following order: Neil Rogers, Greg Rogers, David Fuller, Greg Gould, John Stubbs, Robert Farrell, Mark Houston, Paul Hopkins, James Tuite, Paul DeMestre, Robert Miller, Michael Gillis, John DeMestre, Adrian Bouris, Dennis Wilson, Steven Badger, Darren Bogg, David Fuller, Mark Tonelli, Max Metzker.

This is the fourth year in a row of the five years in which we have competed in this race and won. Each year the competition becomes stiffer and next year, when we shall be at City Tatt's pool, we hope to be strengthened by the addition of: Peter Dale, former Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, Michael Delaney, former Olympic Games Silver Medallist and Tim Ford, former Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist.

In the curtainraiser, Tattersalls Club's over-40 team went down to City Tatts who showed great depth and won well by 10 yards. Here again we look to a strengthened team next year.

It's business as usual for the Swimming Club which, since the closure of the Clubhouse, has relocated to The Gymnasium on the 10th floor of the State Bank Building in Martin Place.

Most of the regular swimmers (about 70 so far) have joined The Gymnasium on Tattersall's Club's special corporate rate, which extends excellent swimming, gymnasium and squash facilities (as well as professional and in some cases quite delightful instructors) for less than the old Tattersall's Club annual membership fee!

Competition in the pool has not relaxed and the old format of 140 yard (36 metre) heats on Tuesdays, followed by finals and 80 yard (72 metre) events on Thursdays, has not changed.

What's more the Swimming Club's traditional balance of young colts and the old guard continues with the hot spa tub overlooking the pool proving to be a conversation pit.

The mafia-style judge and jury now comprises Col and Leigh Bowes as well as Alan Ball, who do a great job presiding over handicaps and the weekly races which average between 30-40 members a session. All the old spirit is alive and well.

New members wanting to know more and former members thinking of getting back in the swim will be especially welcome. Just arrive any Tuesday or Thursday at 1.00 (or phone Col Bowes on 665 2815 or Rob Farrell on 223 4888 for details).

Meanwhile, the 88-89 season point score is drawing to a close with David Dind hot favourite to take out the point score. With one week to go David leads on 180½ from David Barnes (173), Andrew Torok (167), Charles Coppa (150), Bill Debney (149½) and Perry Sutton (146).

THREE TATT'S TEAMS FOR MAUI

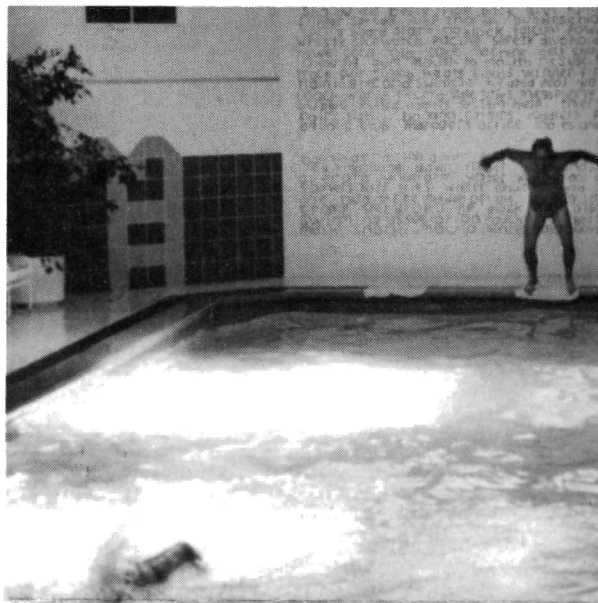
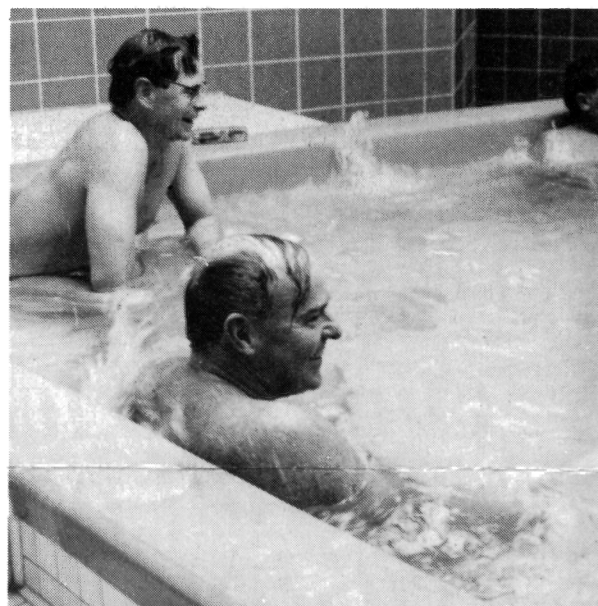
This year Tattersall's Club will send three teams to Maui. Potential starters are in training and the teams will leave on 27th August. They will be away for about one week.

The cost of sending the swimmers is approximately \$1500 each and this year, in addition to the Swimming Club's annual dinner having Maui as its theme, we will send raffle tickets to Tatt's members to give them a chance to support this worthy international challenge.

Certain starters in the team include Max Metzker (Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist and Olympic Games Silver Medallist), Darren Bogg (Australian Surf Champion), Tim Ford (Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist), Steven Badger (Commonwealth Games Gold

Medallist and Dual Olympian), Neil Rogers (Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist and Olympian), Mike Gillis (New South Wales State Representative) and many other well-known Tattersalls Swimming Club identities including Rob Farrell and Tony Anderson.

Tattersalls Club has been second in the challenge for the last two years but this year has high hopes due to the increased strength of having Neil Rogers and Darren Bogg in the team. Both these swimmers would match Max Metzker and Tim Ford stroke for stroke.



In the four-lap event, David Barnes is home and hosed on 150 with John Barrell (130) and Bill Debney (126) looking to take out the minor places.

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Snooker and billiards tournaments under way

Our annual snooker and billiards tournaments are now in full swing at Sydney Club.

At this point I take the opportunity of thanking President Des Whittall, Secretary Bob Watson and Sydney Club members for the courtesy and privileges they have extended to Tattersall's members.

The Snooker Calcutta Auction was a resounding success, with approximately 100 Sydney and Tattersall's Club members attending.

The snooker tournament attracted 96 players, on a par with previous contests.

We are now approaching the final 32, at which stage the Calling of The Card will be conducted.

Attendance at that function on Monday July 10 will be by invitation only for guests of Tattersall's Snooker Sub-committee. Drinks will be served at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the call will begin at 8 p.m.

An early shock in the tournament was the elimination of the favourite Eddie Charlton by Bruce Cox, in the first round. It was an exciting game of which Eddie found the 96 start he had to concede to Bruce just too big a handicap.

Two Sydney Club members are among those qualified for the final 32. They are Michael Day and Adrian Gruzman. Rex Parker also has the opportunity to qualify. Andrew Corbett just failed to do so, being beaten on the black after a game performance.

Ken and Rick Taylor were early casualties and Graham Walsh, one of Sydney Club's better players, was beaten on the black by Michael Day.

Tattersall's Club qualifiers are our Snooker Sub-committee Chairman Peter Twigg, David Brookman, Bill Richards, Bill Kelso, Clive Milliken, Jeff Woollard, Bob Lavigne, Warren Foster, Bray Sutcliffe, Keith Chapman and "Digger" Lobb.

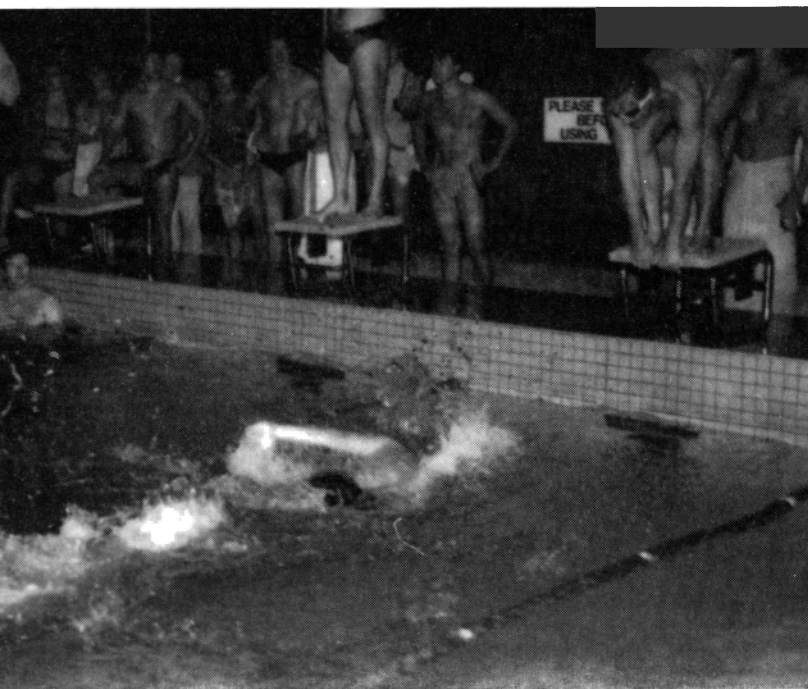
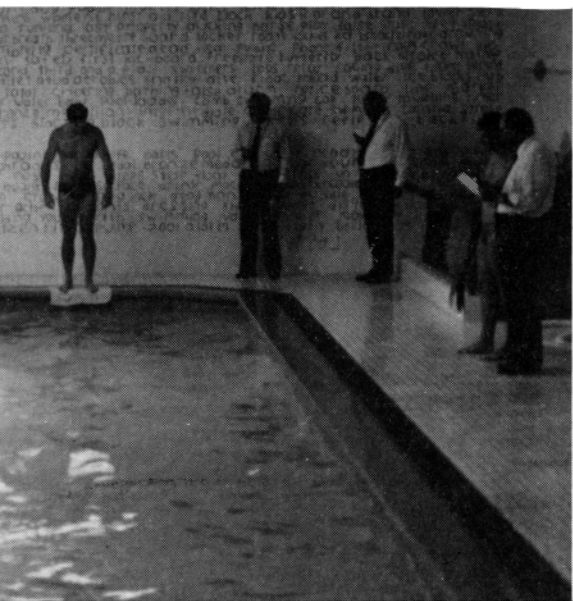
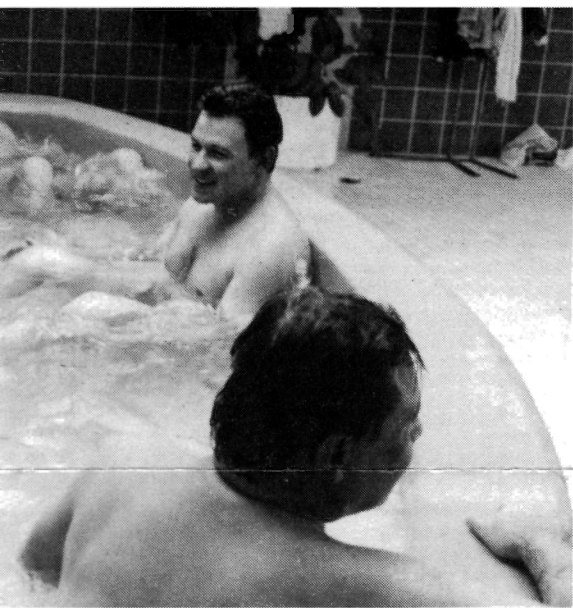
We expect the final to be played in August.

The billiards final should be contested about mid-July.

My thanks to our Professional, Paddy Morgan, for his efforts in organising and refereeing the matches.

I look forward to the continued support of our members.

- Doug Jordan



Top Left: The Gymnasium spa ... a great conversation pit. Left: Two-Tatt's relay in progress ... Below: and our team's storming finish.

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"The Club Room, Cocktail Lounge and Dining Room will be inter-connectable by sliding doors, allowing for larger scale functions to spread through these principal spaces right along the Elizabeth Street frontage.

"Other facilities on the same floor, but facing Castlereagh Street, on the other side of the lift lobby, include a Buffet to seat up to 130 people, a small Card Room and Reading Room adjacent to the Committee Room and the Club's administration office.

"The main kitchen will also be located on this floor between the Dining Room and Buffet on the southern side. Full toilet facilities for both male and female will be located behind the service core adjacent to the Function Room servery and liquor store.

"A grand staircase, forming part of the lift lobbies will link the third and second floors.

"The second floor will incorporate all the Club's sporting facilities, the principal feature of which will be a 25-metre five lane swimming pool running east-west along the northern boundary of the building fronting Elizabeth Street. This pool area will incorporate a two tempera-

ture spa, and a small informal buffet food area adjacent to the entry. Lunch may also be taken adjacent to the pool overlooking Hyde Park.

"Other sporting facilities on this floor will include a two level gymnasium and two squash courts along Castlereagh Street. Handball courts will be marked within the squash courts, and both activities will be viewable from a tier-seated spectator gallery.

"Additionally, two massage rooms, a sauna and steam room will be located adjacent to the gymnasium.

"All these sporting facilities will be serviced by locker and change areas, showers, toilets and shave bars.

"The remaining two-thirds of the Elizabeth Street frontage on the second floor will comprise the Club Bar and Billiard Room, with a separate toilet facility, all accessed from the central lift lobby, and each overlooking Hyde Park.

Staff facilities will also be located on this floor adjacent to the Club's goods lift, and will comprise separate lockers, toilets and shower facilities for male and female staff and a communal staff room.

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Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

— ♦ 1992 ♦ —

After two years of site amalgamation, development approval has finally been granted. This is Elizabeth Street, Sydney as the world will see it three years from now. By 1992, Elizabeth Street will be the site of Sydney's first true six-star, 579 room hotel. Adjoining will be a spectacular 16 level office tower that will also house the Tattersalls and Womens Clubs. And at street level will be a range of some of the world's most exclusive retail stores. It has been worth the wait.

Expressions of interest are now invited from legal firms for the leasing of the office tower above Tattersalls Club, due for completion mid-1991.

Tattersalls Ski Club

Early snowfalls have given the season the best start in years. Tattersalls skiers should have good conditions for both trips this year.

The renowned men's week at Perisher is from July 22, and allows members to get the best of good early snow. Bookings are well advanced, so if you are thinking of making 1989 "your week in the snow," contact Anthony Berkman, 283 1877. Remember new members and new skiers are especially welcome at men's week.

For a great week with family and friends Roslyn Lodge at Thredbo is the place to be. This week commences on Saturday, 2nd September and is always well attended. Contact Ashley Reed on 264 1271. Early bookings are therefore suggested.

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"The Club will also include mezzanine floors to parts of both the second and third floors to provide the Club with necessary storage, access, additional administration space, and separate areas of mechanical plant for air-conditioning, heating, ventilation, steam and filtration equipment.

"An important part of the architectural and interior design concept in creating a new Club has been to incorporate into the design those parts of the old

Club that have given it its character and history.

"Apart from achieving the volume of the main spaces through appropriate floor to floor heights already mentioned, a number of important fixtures and fittings will be re-used in the new premises, including those wonderful old stone fireplaces - two in the Club Room and one each in the Dining Room and Buffet, the dado panelling will be re-used in the Club Room; and, of course, the old Club Bar will be re-instated for its second time in the new Club Bar. Appropriate light fittings and chandeliers have also been kept for re-hanging in the new premises.

"All of the best and most historic furniture has been kept for restoration and re-use in the new premises, along with the notice-boards, honour boards, pictures and general memorabilia.

"Finally, in appreciating the opportunity the Club has given us to act as architects for this exciting project, may we say we are aiming to provide you all with a new Club that combines both the comforts of the past with a modern vitality for the future, expressed through a combination of familiar items from the Club's history with an entirely new fully serviced infrastructure."